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(*i*) whether the Government is aware that there is practically no supervision or check by the Engineering Department of the municipality as the chairman-delegate is interested in the contract?

A.—(*a*) & (*c*) Yes.

(*b*) About Rs. 23,300.

(*d*) The Council accepted the tender of M.R.Ry. Kolandavelu Mudaliyar in partnership with M.R.Ry. Raja Naicker.

(*e*) The Chairman, Municipal Council, Saidapet, has reported that M.R.Ry. Kolandavelu Mudaliyar is the brother-in-law of M.R.Ry. Ratnavelu Mudaliyar and that the latter is not the chairman-delegate.

(*f*) The Government have no information. The Chairman has reported that M.R.Ry. Kolandavelu Mudaliyar's partner has much experience in building work.

(*g*) Yes. The Government have no information of the amount of the lowest tender and are not prepared to give the name of the tenderer.

(*h*) A petition was received from certain rate-payers containing allegations to this effect.

(*i*) The Chairman has reported that the work has been in charge of an upper subordinate except for a few weeks between the resignation of the old and the employment of a new upper subordinate.

Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" With reference to answer to (*e*), may I know, Sir, whether Mr. Ratnavelu Mudaliyar is even now at least a municipal councillor and the chairman-delegate very recently ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I will call for that information, Sir."

Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" With reference to answer to (*g*), are the Government aware that there was a tender lower than the one for which the work was given ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Yes ; the Government are aware of that."

Mr. C N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" With reference to answer to (*h*), what action do the Government propose to take ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" None."

Election of a Chairman for Palacole Municipality.

*858-A *Q.*—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the term of the present Chairman of Palacole municipality, West Godavari district, expires ;

(*b*) whether the chairmanship will be thrown open for election ;

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) be in the negative, why the municipality is not allowed the privilege of electing its chairman ; and

(*d*) whether the Government have also come to a decision about the person to be nominated, and if so, what that decision is?

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A.—The vice-chairman is now in charge. His term expires on 1st November 1927.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) The chairmanship has been thrown open to election.

Agriculture

Establishment list of the Department of Agriculture.

*859 Q.—Mr. R. Nagan Gowda : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of communities represented on the staff of the College of Agriculture, Research Institute and in the district work of the Department of Agriculture and the number of men from each community ; and

(*b*) the number of men among them who at any time in their lives for a period of at least three or four years earned their livelihood as cultivators working with their own hands or as agricultural labourers ?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the Annual Establishment list of the Department of Agriculture.

(*b*) The Government have no information.

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda :—" May I know if the Government cannot get the information ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" I don't think it will be possible. There seems to be no necessity for it."

Agricultural depots in South Kanara.

*860 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : With reference to my question No. 247, dated 27th August 1927, will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number and places of depots for sale of pure seed, improved agricultural implements, etc., in South Kanara ;

(*b*) for what hours of the day they are open and who is in charge of them ; and

(*c*) whether they are open every day except holidays, and if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) There are five depots, one each at the headquarters of the agricultural demonstrators at Mangalore, Mudabidri, Udipi, Puttur and Kasaragod.

(*b*) & (*c*) Sales are conducted by demonstrators when they are at headquarters and by demonstration maistris or messengers employed under the demonstrators when they are away on tour. Information regarding the hours of sales is not available with Government.

The serum simultaneous method of inoculation against rinderpest.

*861 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it has been decided to carry on a large scale the serum simultaneous method of inoculation against rinderpest ;

(*b*) whether only the circle officers who are six in number have been asked to do this work ;